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HEATWOLE SENTENCED FOR ENTERING AIRPORT AREA IN VIOLATION OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Thomas M. DiBiagio announced that today U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul W. Grimm sentenced Nathaniel Travis Heatwole, age 20, of Damascus, Maryland to 2 years of supervised probation and 100 hours of community service, arising from Heatwole's guilty plea to an Information charging him with entering an airport area in violation of security requirements. Magistrate Judge Grimm also ordered Heatwole to pay a fine of \$500 and to reimburse his parents up to \$500 for actual legal expenses incurred for his defense in this proceeding. Finally, as a special condition of his probation, Magistrate Judge Grimm ordered that Heatwole may not fly on commercial airlines without permission of the court.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of his April 23, 2004 plea agreement, on September 14, 2003 Heatwole knowingly entered the security screening check point area at Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) in Anne Arundel County, Maryland with one or more of the following prohibited items in his possession: box cutter razor blades, strike-

anywhere matches and liquid bleach.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation sponsored Joint Terrorism Task Forces of Maryland and North Carolina, the Transportation Security Administration and the United States Attorney's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Harvey E. Eisenberg.